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The Life and Scientific Studies of Prof. Dr. Kürşad Turgut

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Abstract

The study aimed to reveal the contributions of Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut, known for his contributions to the scientific world of veterinary internal medicine as well as his academic and administrative responsibilities, by analyzing his scientific and professional journey and to contribute also to the biographical resources of veterinary medicine. The study was based on original documents sourced from Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut's personal files at the Selcuk University Rectorate and the archives of Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Dean's Office. Additionally, data were collected from face-to-face interviews with his family, close friends, colleagues, and students, as well as internet news articles from his period. The findings from the document review were organized chronologically through a retrospective evaluation. Born in Malatya in 1958, Turgut graduated from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Firat University in 1981. He completed his doctorate in 1989, gained the title of associate professor in 1991, and became a full professor in 1996. Throughout his academic career, he conducted scientific research in various countries, including England, the Netherlands, Finland, and Switzerland. Turgut also served as vice-rector and dean. Turgut, who left a lasting legacy for future generations with his scientific studies in the field of veterinary internal medicine, is said that he continues to make significant contributions to the discipline of veterinary internal medicine and to the fields of veterinary gastroenterology and cardiology. It is advisable to research the biographies of influential professionals who have made significant contributions to the field of veterinary medicine.

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INTRODUCTION

A scientist investigates observable events, assesses the conditions under which these events occur, and seeks to uncover and predict the causal relationship between them. Additionally, historians of science often conduct biographical studies on scientists to provide examples for young researchers and aspiring scientists, sharing insights from their lives with the reader (Unat 2017).

Many studies have been conducted on biography due to its significant role in the history of science, particularly in the history of veterinary medicine. The research on biographies in the field of history of veterinary medicine was initiated by Muzaffer Bekman, a pioneer in this area (Küçükaslan and Yerlikaya 2016). This work has been continued by other scholars who have contributed to the field, resulting in numerous published books and articles. Notable contributions include works by Bekman (1945), Dinçer (1974), Yaşar (1997), Yaşar (1998a, 1998b), Yaşar et al (2010), Sinmez and Yaşar

(2011), Sinmez et al (2012), Yerlikaya and Küçükaslan (2021), Sinmez and Şahin (2024a, 2024b).

This study aimed to examine Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut's scientific and professional life, a respected scientist known for his academic and administrative roles, as well as his significant contributions to the field of veterinary medicine, particularly in veterinary internal medicine. Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut passed away unexpectedly from a heart attack in 2020. This study seeks to highlight his contributions to the scientific community and to enrich the biographical resources available in veterinary medicine.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

This study received approved from the Selcuk University Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Experimental Animal Production and Research Center Ethics Committee (SUVDAMEK) under decision number 2025/67 on May 2, 2025.



The research employed a qualitative design. The study materials included original documents obtained from the personal files of Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut, located in the Selcuk University Rectorate Archive (SURA) and the Selcuk University Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Dean's Archive (SUFVMDA). Additionally, data were collected through face-to-face interviews with his family, close friends, colleagues, and students, as well as from internet news articles from his period. The findings from the document analysis were organized and presented in chronological order, and original documents were referenced in the endnote section.

RESULTS

Professional Life

Kürşad Turgut was born on February 24, 1958, in Malatya, Türkiye, as the only child of non-commissioned officer Mustafa Kemal and housewife Mediha (Figure 1).^{1,2} Due to his non-commissioned officer father's military assignment, Turgut began his education in Çanakkale and later continued in Mardin.³ He graduated from Mardin Atatürk Primary School in 1969, Çanakkale Central Secondary School in 1972, and Çanakkale High School in 1975 (Figure 2).⁴

Turgut graduated from Fırat University, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, in 1981 with first honors (Figure 3).⁶ During his fourth year at the university, Professor Dr. Faruk Akın suggested that Turgut continue at the university as an academic and become his assistant. Turgut accepted this offer due to Professor Dr. Faruk Akın's exemplary mentorship and subsequently won a post-graduation surgical assistantship. However, just as he was about to begin his duties, his appointments were suspended due to the enactment of the Higher Education Council Law.⁷ Consequently, Turgut had to complete his military service as a reserve officer in Zonguldak Ereğli from November 30, 1981, to March 31, 1983.^{8,9}

After returning from military service, Professor Dr. Hümeysra Özgen, who was the dean of Selcuk University's (S.U.) Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, offered Turgut a position as an internal medicine assistant¹⁰. Subsequently,

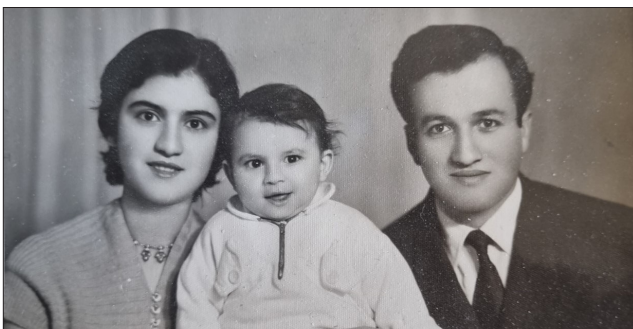


Figure 1. Mediha Turgut (left), Kürşad Turgut (middle), Mustafa Kemal Turgut (right).⁵



Figure 2. Kürşad Turgut: From Childhood to Adulthood¹³

Turgut applied for a research assistant position in the Department of Diseases and Clinical Sciences, specifically in Internal Medicine and Pharmacology, at S.U. Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. He excelled in the entrance exams, scoring 95 out of 100 in the English language exam and 90 out of 100 in the science exam¹¹. He was appointed to the position and took his first step into academic life by starting his duties on January 19, 1984.¹²

S.U. Institute of Health Sciences was established on July 20, 1982, as an affiliate of the Rectorate; however it began its educational activities at the graduate level only in the fall semester of the 1985-1986 academic year¹⁴. Research Assistant Kürşad Turgut enrolled as a doctoral student in the Department of Internal Diseases at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Ankara University (AU) Institute of Health Sciences to pursue his doctoral studies. This was done in accordance with the "Regulation on Research Assistants Undergoing Postgraduate Education at Another University on Behalf of a University" (Official Gazette 1983). Associate Professor Dr. Hüseyin Yılmaz İmren was appointed as his doctoral advisor.¹⁵ Given these circumstances, Article 4 of the same regulation justified the temporarily allocation of Res. Asst. Kürşad Turgut's position to the AU Health Sciences Institute.¹⁶

Turgut was assigned to the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Edinburg University in the UK for six months, from February 1 to July 31, 1986.^{18,19,20,21,22} His purpose was to conduct research and studies as part of his doctoral education, as well as to enhance his academic knowledge and experience.²³ During his time in England, Turgut participated in routine work at the clinic and observed the research being conducted there.²⁴

Turgut, who received a research scholarship from the Dutch government for the 1987-1988 academic year, was assigned to the Large Animal Internal Diseases Clinic

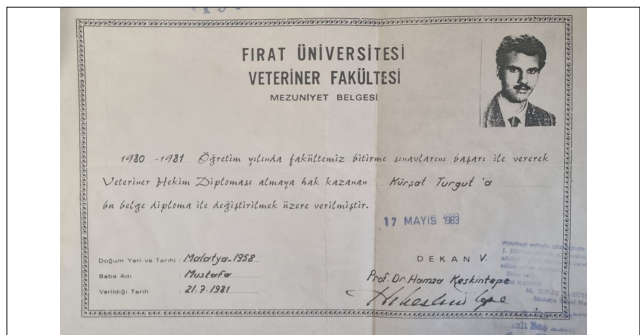


Figure 3. Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut's diploma from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Fırat University¹⁷

at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Utrecht, the Netherlands. He undertook scientific studies there for eight months, starting in December 1987.^{25,26,27,28,29} Turgut left his position at the faculty on December 8, 1987, to begin his work in the Netherlands.³⁰

During his time at the Utrecht Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, he conducted his doctoral research on two topics: "Clinical and Chemical Examination of Abomasum Displacements and Cecal Dilatation and Torsion" and "Effect of Clenbuterol on Mucociliary Transport Rate in Healthy and Emphysematous Horses".³¹ After returning to Türkiye, he completed his doctoral studies titled "Clinical and Chemical Examination of Abomasum Displacement, Cecal Dilatation and Torsion in Dairy Cows" at the Ankara University Health Sciences Institute. He was awarded the title of "Doctor of Veterinary Medicine" (Figure 4) on March 28, 1989.^{32,33,34}

Kürşad Turgut (Figure 2) applied for the vacant Assistant Professor position in the Department of Internal Medicine and Pharmacology at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Selçuk University.^{36,37} He was appointed to the Asst. Professor position and began his new role on September 13, 1989.³⁸

While working as a faculty member, Turgut received nine-month research scholarship from the Finnish government for the 1991-1992 academic year, allowing him to conduct scientific research starting October 27, 1991.³⁹ He left his position at the faculty on October 21, 1991, to travel to Finland⁴⁰, where he attended a dermatology course at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Helsinki University.⁴¹

On October 15, 1991, Turgut was promoted to Associate Professor⁴² (Figure 5).⁴³ He officially started his duties as an Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine on April 1, 1992.^{44,45} In accordance with Article 18 of the Higher Education Law No. 2547, he was elected as a member of the board of directors for S.U. Veterinary Faculty during an election held on November 6, 1995.^{46,47}



Figure 4. Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut's Doctorate Diploma ³⁵



Figure 5. Certificate of Associate Professorship for Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut ⁵⁰

In 1996, Turgut was appointed as a Professor in the Department of Diseases and Clinical Sciences, specifically in the field of Internal Diseases. He began his duties in this role on January 22, 1997.^{48,49}

Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut has held various administrative positions alongside his role as a faculty member. He was appointed as the Director of Selçuk University State Conservatory on August 29, 1996⁵¹, and served in that role for three years. Subsequently, he served as the acting Director of the State Conservatory starting September 3, 1999.⁵²

In accordance with Article 13/a of Law No. 2547 and Article 4 of the academic organization regulation, he was appointed as the Vice Rector of Selçuk University for two terms^{53,54}, from 2003 to 2011.⁵⁵ During his tenure as Vice Rector, Professor Dr. Turgut was responsible for the Health, Culture and Sports Department, the Library and Documentation Department, the Publications Commission Presidency, and the Foreign Student Coordination.⁵⁶

On March 22, 2005, by the decision of the University Administrative Committee (numbered 2005/112), he was elected Chairman of the Publication Incentive Commission for a two-year period.⁵⁷ Additionally, on October 07, 2005, he was appointed as the Dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts,⁵⁸ a position he held until 2008.⁵⁹

Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut was also appointed as the acting Director of Dilek Sabancı State Conservatory in accordance with Article 20/b of Law No. 2547, serving in that capacity from March 25 to May 24, 2011.⁶⁰

Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut participated in European University Association (EUA) meetings, conferences, and seminars during his tenure as Vice Rector from 2003 to 2011.^{61,62,63,64,65,66,67,68,69} He also worked in various countries as part of the Erasmus Academic Staff Mobility Program^{70,71}, and engaged in activities across different cities involved in Bologna process.^{72,73,74,75,76}

Following his intensive administrative responsibilities, Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut received an invitation as a guest lecturer to conduct educational, teaching, and research activities at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Zurich, Switzerland. He served there for three months, from January 3 to March 29, 2013.^{77,78} During his time at the Cardiology Department of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, he engaged in clinical studies, performed clinical diagnoses and treatments using diagnostic tools, provided training to students in small animal medicine, participated in seminars and working groups, and conducted research on echocardiography.⁷⁹

Two years after returning to his home country, he was invited back to the Cardiology Department at the University of Zurich for a study visit from March 22 to March 25, 2015.⁸⁰ Upon returning to his faculty, he established a cardiology unit and initiated new publications, studies, and projects in this field.⁸¹

Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut was assigned to conduct research and examinations in the Department of Internal Medicine at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Near East University, TRNC, from February 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018. This assignment was part of the Cultural Agreement between the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and the Republic of Türkiye, in accordance with the last sub-article of Article 39 of Law No. 2547.^{82,83,84} He resigned from his position at the faculty on March 2, 2017.⁸⁵

After completing his assignment at the Near East University's Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut began his new role at the faculty on April 2, 2018,⁸⁶ and he retired on May 16, 2018.⁸⁷ He settled in Cyprus in May 2018⁸⁸ and took on the role of Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Near East University on February 20, 2019.⁸⁹ Within six months of his tenure as dean, he established the cardiology unit at the faculty. Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut continued his academic work until his passing on December 19, 2020.⁹⁰

Turgut worked as a reporter for several veterinary faculty journals, notably the Selcuk University Journal of Veterinary Sciences and the TUBITAK Journal of Veterinary Animal Husbandry.⁹¹ He was also a member of the Turkish Veterinary Medical Association's Konya Chamber of Veterinary Surgeons and a part of the TUBITAK Veterinary Animal Husbandry Group.⁹²

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Scientific Contributions of Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut

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Throughout his academic career, Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut has trained a total of five Doctors of Science. He has published 84 scientific articles and authored seven scientific books, contributing significantly to the scientific community (Figure 6). His research primarily focused on gastroenterology in ruminants and cardiology in pets. The titles of Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut's scientific works are presented in Table 1.

Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut participated in several notable congresses and workshops, including:

- 1st National Internal Medicine Congress (Elazığ, September 28-30, 1995)⁹⁵
- 2nd National Internal Medicine Congress (İstanbul, July 1-5, 1997)⁹⁶, 3rd National Internal Medicine Congress (İlgaz/Kastamonu, October 7, 1999)⁹⁷
- 10th National Veterinary Internal Medicine Congress (Nevşehir, June 27-30, 2013)⁹⁸
- Veterinary Gastroenterology Workshop (April 16-17, 2016)⁹⁹
- II. International VET İstanbul Group-2015 (Russia, April 7-9, 2015)¹⁰⁰
- ICONTESE (Barcelona, October 13-17, 2016)¹⁰¹
- ECVIM Congress (Sweden, September 7-11, 2016)¹⁰²
- 32nd World Veterinary Congress (Istanbul, September 13-17, 2015)¹⁰³
- EUA 2006 Autumn Conference (Czech Republic, October 19-20, 2006)¹⁰⁴

These events highlight his active involvement in the field of internal medicine and veterinary sciences.



Figure 6. Kürşad Turgut' Scientific Books ⁹⁴



Figure 7. Various sports activities in which Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut participates¹¹³

Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut: Social and Sportive Contributions

Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut is well-known for his involvement social and sportive activities. On September 28, 1994, the Faculty Board appointed him to oversee and organize all sports activities within the faculty.^{105,106,107} He was successfully represented his faculty in various sports, including football, volleyball, and basketball, as well as in the individual table tennis competitions (Figure 7).

With years of experience in sports organizations, Turgut, was elected President of Selcuk University Sports Club in September 2009. In his inaugural speech, he emphasized that the club's primary goal is to again qualify for the Beko Basketball League.^{108,109,110}

In addition to basketball, soccer, volleyball, and table tennis,¹¹¹ Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut also enjoyed hiking, jogging, badminton, squash, and cycling.¹¹²

Beyond his athletic pursuits, Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut had a keen interest in art. On February 25, 2005, he was appointed to select artwork for an exhibition organized by the University, choosing pieces from the collection for the General Directorate of State Theaters at the Ministry of Culture and Tourism.¹¹⁴

During his tenure as Vice Rector from 2003 to 2011, Turgut engaged in numerous student-centered cultural and artistic activities. This initiatives received support from various departments, including the Department of Health, Culture and Sports, the State Conservatory, the Faculty of Communication, the Selcuk University Chamber Orchestra, and Student Communities.¹¹⁵

Opinions and Impressions from Family, Close Friends, Colleagues, and Students of Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut

The opinions and impressions of Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut's family, close friends, colleagues, and students contribute to his biography. The insights gathered provide a more comprehensive understanding of both his personality and his scientific identity. Below are short excerpts from one-on-one conversations with those who know him well.

Mediha TURGUT: "He was always hardworking, optimistic, and cheerful person. His father, the late Mr. Mustafa Kemal, instilled diligence and determination in Kürşad from an

early age and gave him advice on writing books."¹¹⁶

Professor Dr. Veysi ASLAN: "He was my assistant; known for his hardworking and creative nature. He had a unique personality and constantly sought out differences. He embraced a differently way of living and acting, which influenced every aspect of his life. He lived in one country and reached his final resting place in another. May his soul rest in peace amidst these differences..."¹¹⁷

Professor Dr. Mahmut OK: "I am still saddened by the loss of my dear brother and teacher, Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut, who passed away on December 19, 2020. The first time I met my teacher was in 1985 when I was a third-year student at the faculty. In 1987, I began working as an assistant in the Department of Internal Diseases. After completing my PhD in Ankara in 1989 and returning to our department, we collaborated for over 30 years in the Department of Internal Medicine. My teacher was a remarkable scientist who loved his country, worked diligently, enjoyed research and innovation, and had a vibrant personality. He made significant contributions to our field by writing numerous books. He often said, 'I like to learn a subject by writing a book', highlighting his passion for writing. I was honored to co-author the book *Veterinary Gastroenterology and Cat and Dog Gastroenterology* with him. Through his outstanding work, my teacher not only provided scientific guidance to me personally and to the faculty members of the Department of Internal Medicine but also served as a role model for young scientists with his scientific approach and integrity. He was kind, gentle, and modest, and his life philosophy resolved around loving people, helping others, being cheerful, and spreading joy to those around him. May his soul rest in peace, and may he finds eternal peace in heaven."¹¹⁸

Professor Dr. İsmail ŞEN: "Some people leave a profound mark in our lives, not just through their knowledge but also through their humanity. For me, one of those individuals is Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut. My dear teacher, you have been the most valuable guide and inspiration in my teaching career. You were more than just an academician; you were a significant part of my life as a teacher, mentor, friend, and, above all, an irreplaceable person. I first met Professor Kürşad in 1988 at the Internal Medicine clinic. He had just returned from abroad and immediately caught our attention with his unique style and personality. Later,

Table 1. Scientific works authored by Kürşad Turgut

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I had the opportunity to take several courses with him. He inspired such a love for internal medicine that many of my classmates considered pursuing a doctorate in the field. I am proud to have been his first assistant as a research assistant in the Department of Internal Medicine. Professor Turgut not only guided me on my academic journey but also shaped my perspective on the world of science. In 1995, when I shared with him that I had received an acceptance letter from the Vienna Veterinary Faculty, he shed tears of joy. Witnessing that moment deeply moved me. His happiness stemmed from the success of others, and every academic achievement we accomplished together brought him immense joy. His scientific mindset was always critical and questioning, yet he expressed this attitude gently and with understanding. He taught us that learning is not just about acquiring knowledge but about becoming better individuals. He was an exemplary scientist in every regard. Above all, his greatest legacy to me was instilling a love for science and the importance of passing that love on to the others. The knowledge and human values he imparted to me will continue to guide me throughout my life, and I will always remember him with gratitude and respect. Rest in peace, my dear teacher. May you find eternal light.”¹¹⁹

Doç. Dr. Amir NASERİ: “I met Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut in 2012. As I got to know him better, I realized that he was not only an academic but also a remarkable intellectual, a good friend, and an inspiring mentor. His innovative mindset, passion for research, and continuous pursuit of self-improvement were guiding light for everyone around him. His dedication to academia and his thirst for knowledge were truly admirable. In addition to his academic pursuits, he possessed a deep knowledge of culture, art, and music. His interest in jazz and rock music, as well as his admiration for cinema and painting, set him apart from others. His

engagement with philosophy and sociology was enhanced by the numerous books he read. This passion for art allowed him to view the world from a broader perspective. Years ago, he discovered that writing books was the best way to learn, realizing that the writing process not only reinforced knowledge but also shaped thought more profoundly. Consequently, he always prioritized producing and sharing new information. With his kind, gentle, and sincere personality, he was cherished not only by his colleagues and students but also by everyone whose life he touched. His love of animals, unique dressing style, and elegance were integral parts of his character. It was a tremendous opportunity for me to know him and benefit from his insights. I remember my dear teacher with respect and longing.”¹²⁰

DISCUSSION

Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut is a prominent scientist in the field of veterinary internal medicine in Türkiye. He has gained recognition not only for his academic research but also for his leadership roles as vice rector, dean, and director. His scientific investigations, particularly in gastroenterology for ruminants and cardiology for pets, are significant contributions to the field. Additionally, Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut's knowledge and teaching abilities are reflected in the numerous scientists and academicians he has trained at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

His mother, Mrs. Mediha, described Turgut as “always hardworking, optimistic, and cheerful”. She noted that his father, the late Mr. Mustafa Kemal, instilled in Turgut the discipline and determination to work diligently from a young age and provided him with advice on writing books.¹²¹ Kürşad Turgut has authored comprehensive works in veterinary gastroenterology, veterinary

dermatology, clinical lab diagnostics, and veterinary cardiology, demonstrating a strong combination of his clinical and theoretical knowledge (see Table 1). An examination of Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut's publications reveals that they are grounded in solid scientific principles and reflect a commitment to advancing laboratory diagnosis in veterinary practice. These books, as part of his academic contributions, present valuable knowledge clearly and are significant resources for veterinarians and veterinary students.

Academics who pursue professional development abroad return to their home countries with numerous benefits (Kara and Çalık 2022). These individuals significantly contribute to their countries through both personal growth and institutional advancement. The key include enhanced academic competence, improved work discipline, social and cultural insights, and increased proficiency in foreign languages (Aktekin and Tekben 2019). Considering that Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut has engaged in educational and research activities across various countries, it can be asserted that his experiences abroad since the early stages of his academic career have deepened his expertise. These experiences have enriched both his research and teaching processes. Additionally, the skills he developed through his foreign language proficiency and cultural interactions have empowered him to play a more effective role in his academic leadership and administrative responsibilities. This growth not only benefited his personal development but also provided significant scientific and administrative advantages to his home country.

Academics contribute to the university's functioning by engaging in management while fulfilling their research, teaching, and community service responsibilities. They assume administrative roles for a specific period before returning to their academic careers. However, the type and duration of these administrative positions can vary, which may affect their professional development differently. Significant challenges to their professional growth include the production of academic publications, participation in scientific activities, conducting research, and involvement in project work during their administrative duties (Yurdasever and Karakaya 2016). In an interview with Performance journal in 2019, Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut discussed his experiences in various administrative roles, such as vice-rector, dean, and director. He noted that short-term administrative positions motivate academics by providing opportunities to understand, recognize, and analyze various developments. In contrast, long-term administrative roles may isolate individuals from their professional practice. Given that Turgut has supervised five Doctor of Science candidates throughout his career, graduating his first doctoral student in 1994 and the others in 1997, 1998, 2017, and 2018, it can be inferred

that his intensive administrative responsibilities between 1998 and 2017, during which he did not supervise any doctoral students, influenced this outcome.

Veterinary medicine is a respected profession that has established a significant place in society by training individuals across various fields, including culture, sports, art, sociology, and psychology, in addition to safeguarding animal health (Odabaşioğlu 2018). As a matter of fact, among veterinarians, there are individuals who play an active role in sports such as volleyball (Sinmez et al 2012), as well as writers known for their literary works (Erk 2002). In this context, Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut, a self-taught academic in veterinary internal medicine, stands out a prominent figure in the eyes of his colleagues and students. His influence is marked by his academic research and administrative roles, as well as his involvement in sports and social activities across different domains.

CONCLUSION

"I have discovered that writing books is the best way to learn.."

Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut

Professor Dr. Kürşad Turgut is a significant figure in the field of veterinary internal medicine, leaving a lasting legacy through his scientific research. His academic contributions have paved the way for other scientists, encouraging them to explore new avenues based on the foundations he established. Therefore, it can be said that Turgut continues to make important contributions to the discipline of veterinary internal medicine, particularly in the areas of veterinary gastroenterology and veterinary cardiology, through his scientific legacy.

As a result, continuing biographical studies in the history of veterinary medicine holds significant value for developing professional awareness. The biographies of veterinarians who have made important contributions to the field are not only historical documents but also serve as inspirations for future generations. Therefore, it is beneficial to research the biographies of other prominent figures in the profession who have similarly contributed to their field. This can enrich academic studies and strengthen professional awareness.

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